



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## SEMA Area A Coordinator Vacancy

SEMA's Area A Coordinator, Bruce Fisher, accepted a position with Blue Valley Public Safety, effective June 15, 2006. The Area A Coordinator position will be temporarily vacant until the position is filled. In the meantime, if an EMD needs assistance, please contact the SEMA Office in Jefferson City. During the normal businesses hours please contact SEMA's Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch at 573-526-9122 or 9125. After business hours in the event of an emergency, call the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

The Area A Coordinator's office is located in Kansas City. SEMA would like to fill the position ASAP. Anyone interested in applying for the Planner III position, may file his or her application electronically to the State of Missouri Office of Administration, Personnel Division. The link to the electronic filing information is: <http://www.ease.mo.gov/>

## Pasley Named SEMA Area I Coordinator

Jim Pasley, formerly a trainer in SEMA's Homeland Security Branch and the Missouri Department of Transportation, was named SEMA Area I Coordinator. He will provide planning assistance and coordinate other SEMA activities for the Area I Counties of: Crawford, Dent, Laclede, Maries, Phelps, and Pulaski. **WELCOME!**

## Missouri Tornado Disaster Assistance Exceeds \$32.6 Million

As of June 14, 2006, Missouri citizens have received \$32,605,969 in federal recovery assistance from the Presidential Disaster Declarations from the recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding of March 8-13, 2006, and March 30- April 3, 2006.

- \$1,988,697 has been approved for Housing Assistance, including lodging expense reimbursement, repair assistance and temporary rental assistance.
- \$1,495,566 been approved for Other Needs Assistance which includes grants for personal property, vehicle losses, disaster related medical, dental and funeral expenses, moving and storage expenses as well as other expenses related to serious needs.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$24,687,000 in low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses. Of this amount, \$20,923,500 was approved for home loans and \$3,763,500 was approved for business loans.
- \$22,457 has been disbursed in Disaster Unemployment Assistance – 33 claims were approved.
- 251 applicants have requested manufactured homes. Of that number 133 households have leased units.
- \$4,412,248 in Public Assistance has been obligated to Missouri by FEMA. The funds will be used by Missouri to reimburse local governments and agencies for eligible and documented debris removal, and emergency protective measures associated with the severe storms
- FEMA has ordered and received 227 housing units for Pemiscot County. FEMA has completed 137 site inspections. As of May 31, 2006, 90 units have been leased/set up in Pemiscot County.

A total of 3,802 Missourians have applied for disaster assistance under both of Missouri's current federal disaster declarations dated March 16, 2006, and April 5, 2006. More than 3277 individuals have visited Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened for Missouri residents who have applied for disaster assistance. DRCs are designed to provide applicants with an opportunity to discuss their needs with

personnel from state, federal and voluntary organizations that can answer questions and provide recovery information about various programs available to individuals and business owners. The Caruthersville Disaster Recovery Center officially closed June 20.

### **USDA designates the following state(s) as agriculture disaster areas.**

Secretarial Designation: S2314 (Beginning Date of disaster: 8/1/2005 - Ending Date of disaster: Continuing for Drought, high winds, wildfires, and above normal temperatures for Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

These four states were designated on 6/12/2006 making all qualified farm operators eligible for low-interest emergency (EM) loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have till 2/12/2007 to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs available, in addition to the emergency loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity. Please visit DisasterHelp (<https://disasterhelp.gov>) for further information on list of counties affected in each state and support resources.

### **Upcoming Area Coordinator Meetings**

Here is a list of upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator meetings:

Area E:	1 p.m., June 27, 2006	Clinton Building, Sikeston
Area H:	1 p.m., June 26, 2006	Ambulance Barn, Stanberry

### **DPS Director James Named to National Council**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety Director and Missouri's Homeland Security Advisor, Mark James, has been appointed Missouri's representative to the National Governor's Association Homeland Security Advisors Council. This council meets twice a year to discuss improving interstate communications, developing a unified voice to the Department of Homeland Security, and trouble shooting emerging issues while reviewing and analyzing federal homeland security activities.

### **NRP Guideline Changes Posted to SEMA Homepage**

The Department of Homeland Security emailed Missouri a Notice of Change to the National Response Plan (NRP). The Notice of Change is effective (i.e., modifies the NRP) immediately. SEMA posted both the Notice of Change to the NRP and the Quick Reference Guide to the SEMA homepage. The Notice of Change may be viewed at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NRPChange.pdf> and the Quick Reference Guide may be viewed at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NRPQuickRef.pdf>

The Notice of Change identifies locations in the December 2004 version of the NRP where changes have been made. This Notice of Change will be followed later this year by an extensive review of the NRP, at which time the NRP will be reissued.

### **NIMS Alert**

#### **Jim Charrier, SEMA, State Training Officer**

While this is technically not a required course at this point, I highly recommend the NIMS course be taken by any responders that may assume a role in the resource management section of an incident response (ICS) or work in the resource management section of an EOC.

#### **NIMS Integration Center and Emergency Management Institute Release**

##### **New Online Training Course on NIMS Resource Management**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's NIMS Integration Center and Emergency Management Institute have made available online, interactive Web-based training that will help incident managers establish NIMS-related systems that will help them get the resources they need to respond to an

emergency or disaster. Resource management is an ongoing process that establishes systems to describe, inventory, request and track resources. The systems are used during deployment or recall of resources in connection with an incident.

Resource management is a key component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which standardizes the procedures and functions involved in the resource management process. NIMS resource management provides a uniform way to identify, acquire, allocate and track resources including personnel, teams, equipment and supplies. It is tied to mutual aid, resource typing, the use of common terminology and credentialing.

Primary tasks addressed in the course, which is called IS-703 NIMS Resource Management, involve establishing systems to describe, inventory, request and track resources; activate the systems and dispatch resources prior to and during an incident; and deactivation or recall of resources. The course demonstrates how resources, such as personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and supplies, are managed through advance planning, resource identification and ordering, categorizing resources, use of agreements, acquisition management, management information systems, and protocols for ordering, mobilizing and dispatching.

### **New ICS Class Coming for Elected Officials**

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will introduce a new Incident Command System class for elected officials. The class is G402/ICS-402 replaces the former G194. The course is the equivalent to IS100 and therefore elected officials can substitute G402 for the IS 100 course. The new course is "Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials." It is a two-hour, instructor led class, and will be available through our NIMS training providers as soon as the new materials arrive and are distributed to the trainers. Here is the link to the NIMS training providers list: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NIMSProviders.doc>

The purpose of the course is to provide an orientation to the Incident Command System. In addition to Senior Officials and Executives, the course is designed for elected officials, city/county managers and agency administrators. The course describes incident command, the various ways it can be applied, and the Executive/Senior Official's role in ICS. Questions about the new class can be directed to Jim Pasley, Training in SEMA at 573-526-9226 or [jim.pasley@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:jim.pasley@sema.dps.mo.gov)

### **SEMA Classes Openings**

State Emergency Management Agency Training Division has openings for two June classes. For more information contact Training Assistant Tina Brown at 573-526-9215 or apply on-line at: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/x/2FE923BFD9C88A0086256E4C007898F5?OpenDocument>

7/18-20/06	Emergency Planning	Jefferson City
8/22-24/06	Homeland Security for Local Governments	Sikeston
9/19-21/06	CERT Train-the-Trainer (Local to Region A)	Independence

### **Want Training in Your Area????**

Please submit your local training requests to your SEMA Area Coordinator, as soon as possible. SEMA Training Officer Jim Charrier is in the process of making the new training schedule, which starts October 1, 2006.

### **Use of Code 10 in Disaster Response**

**By Dennis J. Prevett, Program Coordinator,  
Department of Homeland Security/ FEMA Region VII**

The use of plain language in emergency response situations is matter of public safety, especially the safety of first responders and those affected by the incident. It is critical that all local responders, as well

as those coming into the impacted area from other jurisdictions and other states, know and utilize commonly established operational structures, terminology, policies and procedures. This is what NIMS and the Incident Command System (ICS) are all about. There are larger matters at stake here – achieving interoperability across jurisdictions and disciplines.

The plain language requirement is about the ability of area commanders, state and local EOC personnel, federal operational coordinators, and responders to communicate clearly with each other and effectively coordinate response activities, no matter what the size, scope or complexity of the incident. The ability of responders from different jurisdictions and different disciplines to work together depends greatly on their ability to communicate with each other. Everyone has to speak the same language – plain English.

The Department of Homeland Security will be issuing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) FY 2006 compliance requirements soon. Concerning plain language and "10-Codes", the following guidance will be issued:

- Incident response communications (during exercises and actual incidents) should feature plain English commands so they will be able to function in a multi-jurisdiction environment. Field manuals and training should be revised to reflect the plain English standard.
- '10' codes may continue to be used during non-emergency, internal department communications.

### **Missouri's Volunteer Coordinator Gliniecki Takes Leave of Absence State Citizen Corps Coordinator Dake Heads to FEMA**

Volunteer Agency Coordinator, Dante Gliniecki, will be taking a leave of absence effective July 5, 2006. Jamie Dake, Missouri's Citizen Corp Coordinator, accepted a position as a volunteer liaison with FEMA Region V in Chicago. His last day at SEMA was June 16, 2006.

If you have questions concerning the **Citizen Corps program** contact: **Debbie Rathert** (Interim). The Homeland Security Branch is in the process of hiring a Citizen Corps Coordinator.

**Statewide Coordinator** SEMA's overall POC is **Randy Scrivner** (573-526-9141).

**Specific Volunteer Coordinator Program POCs** are: **Karen Benson** (417-461-5467) for Disaster Recovery Partnership support, Human Services Planning, Spontaneous Volunteer Coordination, and Client Information and Referrals. **Mark Dumas** (573-635-6886) for Coordination of Voluntary Organizations & Response, Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, and Long Term Recovery Committees. **Nancy McAnagh** Mo Depart of Health (800-392-0272) or SEMA's **Brenda Heidbreider** (573- 526-9125) for Special Needs Population Planning. **Marcus Monroe** Department of Social Services (573-751-3870) for Mass Care. **Bruce Bailey** of AmeriCorps (314-722-9002) for Spontaneous Volunteer Coordination, and Donations Management. **Dan Clark** of Salvation Army (314-393-4979) for Donations Management. Heat & Cold Weather Planning: Mo Department of Health (800-392-0272). Animal Planning Welfare: **Missouri Humane Society** or at SEMA **Candy Adams** (417-895-6336).

Search & Rescue will move to SEMA Operations: POC is **Steve Moody** (573-526-9103).

### **Missouri Citizen Corps News**

Until a new Missouri Citizen Council program manager is named, Randy Gabel of the Eureka Fire Protection District and Mark Widner of the Independence Citizen Council will serve as Citizen Council advisors to Karen Benson Chairwoman of the State Citizen Corps Council (The Disaster Recovery Partnership), and SEMA Director Ronald M. Reynolds.

Gabel and Widner will also serve as liaisons for four recently established Citizen Council Committees. Those committees are:

- Badging/Database Committee co-chairmen Bob Esterline Eureka Fire Protection District, and Phil Amtower of Christian County Citizen Council;
- Missouri's (National) Preparedness Month (September) Committee co-chairwomen Lisa Binkley of Cole County Citizen Council, and Jane Stough of Cape Girardeau Fire Department;
- Program Guidance Committee co-chairmen Jane Sough, and Kevin Grimshaw of Rock Community Fire Protection District; and
- Citizen Corps Conference co-chairmen Mike Thiemann of Metro-West Fire Protection District and Vicky Barr of Camdenton County Citizen Council.

### **Gateway Citizen Corps Formed, Adopts By-Laws**

Citizen Councils in the St Louis Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) recently formed the Gateway Citizens Council and adopted By-laws for the organization. The group's mission is to unify CERT efforts, secure both Homeland Security and corporate funding for the Missouri counties of St. Charles, Jefferson, Franklin and St Louis, and the Illinois Counties of Madison, Monroe and St. Clair, as well as, the City of St. Louis.

The Gateway Citizen Council Officers are: President Tim Bonno - AT&T; Vice President Bob Knight - St. Clair County; Treasurer Toni Gist - GKN Aerospace; Secretary Mike Thiemann - Metro West Fire Protection District; Civilian Advisor to the Board Bob Esterlein - Eureka CERT.

Citizen Corps board members from each of the eight geographical areas are: Bill Roach- St. Louis County, Dian Becker - Franklin County, Deputy Chief Randy Gabel - Jefferson County, (VACANT)- St. Charles County, Larry Ringering - Madison County, Gene Henschler - Monroe County, and Ken Walk - City of St. Louis. Representatives from the other Affiliated Members of the not associated with one of the Citizen Corps Programs are: Mary Anderson - American Red Cross, and Kay Archer - United Way (LTRC). Representative from private industry is Jim Sease - GKN Aerospace.

### **Multi-state SONS Exercise Targets NMSZ for 2007**

The Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) are in the preliminary stages of planning a multi-state, multi-agency exercise dealing with both an earthquake along the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ) and a Spills of National Significance (SONS) on the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes. The exercise is targeted to take place in June 2007. A Spill of National Significance (SONS) is an oil or hazardous material incident(s) that overwhelms local and regional response capabilities. To date, all SONS exercises have been major marine casualties, not a natural disaster.

A large-scale earthquake incident within the Mississippi river valley will result in numerous oil and hazardous material releases from vessels, facilities and pipelines. A large earthquake would also create significant damages to maritime and inland transportation systems including bridges over navigable waters adding significant complications to the SONS incident. Because up to seven states might be impacted by the New Madrid Seismic Zone (Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi), there are many overlapping authorities, jurisdictions, and competing response priorities, which will highlight the need to use the NRP and NIMS to streamline and coordinate federal response to the emergency.

### **New on the NIMS Webpage at [www.fema.gov/emergency/nims](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims)**

**From Rick Jordan, Homeland Security Region VII, Kansas City**

- JFO Activation and Operations: Interagency Integrated SOP ([PDF](#) 781KB, [TXT](#) 215KB)
- JFO SOP: Appendixes and Annexes ([PDF](#) 2MB, [TXT](#) 360KB)

- Integrating NIMS into State EOPs and SOPs ([PDF](#) 265KB, [TXT](#) 77KB)
- Integrating NIMS into Local/Tribal EOPs and SOPs ([PDF](#) 646KB, [TXT](#) 78)
- Summary of FY06 NIMS Training Requirements ([PDF](#) 33KB, [TXT](#) 7KB)
- Fact Sheet: NIMS Essential Standards List ([PDF](#) 22KB)
- Fact Sheet: Measuring NIMS Compliance ([PDF](#) 52KB)
- *NIMS Basic: Concepts and Principles, Systems and Processes*  
This series describes the concepts and principles, systems and processes, responsibilities and required capabilities associated with the major components of the National Incident Management System. It consists of nine guides to NIMS components, as follows:
  - NIMS Introduction and Overview ([PDF](#) 54KB, [TXT](#) 20KB)
  - Command and Management ([PDF](#) 112KB, [TXT](#) 52KB)
  - Preparedness ([PDF](#) 57KB, [TXT](#) 22KB)
  - Resource Management ([PDF](#) 53KB, [TXT](#) 18KB)
  - Communications and Information Management ([PDF](#) 38KB, [TXT](#) 15KB)
  - Supporting Technologies ([PDF](#) 37KB, [TXT](#) 10KB)
  - Ongoing Management and Maintenance ([PDF](#) 44KB, [TXT](#) 14KB)
  - Incident Command System ([PDF](#) 132KB, [TXT](#) 64KB)
  - Resource Typing ([PDF](#) 95KB, [TXT](#) 13KB)

### **New Date, City Set for 2007 SEMA/MEPA Conference**

The 2007 SEMA/MEPA Conference will be April 3-6, 2007, at the Chateau on the Lake Resort and Convention Center, Branson, Missouri. Mark your calendars. More information will be coming as speakers and programs are confirmed.

### **Interoperable Communication Reimbursement Forms**

**By Debbie Rathert, Homeland Security Branch**

Reimbursement forms and instructions for the FY 2005 Interoperable Communications Grant will soon be available online at the SEMA website, <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/terrorism.htm>. Choose the FY2005 Homeland Security Grant Program link. Scroll down on the next page until you find the FY05 Interoperable Communications Reimbursement Forms. Instructions are provided, as well.

We will not be asking local jurisdictions to enter information via the Electronic Grant Management System as previously instructed. Forms must be signed and submitted by mail. Faxes cannot be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Dennise Schaben at 573-526-9229.

### **SEMA Summer Newsletters Posted to Homepage**

The SEMA Summer Newsletters are now posted to the SEMA Homepages. Please share the information with interested contacts.

- The SEMA Newsletter link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>
- The Missouri Mitigation and Floodplain Newsletter link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>
- The MERC Newsletter link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>